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TREASURY FOR E. MEYER, A. CORFIELD, R. NEWCOMB (OFAC)

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TAGS: ETTT, EFIN, PTER, KVPR, PREL, KCRM, BK  
SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCE: AL-HARAMAYN AND GLOBAL RELIEF FACE  
CRIMINAL CHARGES

REF: A) SARAJEVO 3599 B) SECSTATE 192372 C) SECSTATE 217499

(U) CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR CLIFFORD G. BOND FOR  
REASONS: 1.5 (B) AND (D).

SUMMARY

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1. (S/NF) POST CONFIRMED THAT THE FINANCIAL POLICE (FP) HAS  
CLOSED AND "PROHIBITED THE FUTURE WORK" OF AL-HARAMAYN ISLAMIC  
FOUNDATION AND GLOBAL RELIEF FOUNDATION, PENDING AN UPCOMING  
TRIAL (REF A).

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NOT TO STOP THERE, THE FP  
IS EXAMINING MINISTRY OF SOCIAL POLICY AND REFUGEES (MSPR)  
RECORDS TO ENSURE THAT IT HAS CLOSED ALL GRF AND AL-HARAMAYN  
OFFICES IN BIH. FURTHERMORE, THE FP PLANS TO PRESS CHARGES  
AGAINST BENEVOLENCE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION, AN ORGANIZATION  
LINKED TO GRF (REF C). THE FP IS ALSO CONSIDERING CHARGES  
AGAINST OFFICIALS IN THE MSPR FOR OBSTRUCTION OF FP  
INVESTIGATIONS. ON A SEPARATE TRACK, THE INTERIOR MINISTRY WILL  
REVIEW POSSIBLE CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST AL-HARAMAYN BASED  
LARGELY ON COMPUTER DATA SEIZED FROM THE ORGANIZATION. END  
SUMMARY.

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BUSY WEEK

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2. (S/NF) AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL B, [REDACTED] THE FINANCIAL  
POLICE (FP), [REDACTED] CONFIRMED THE FP CLOSURES OF  
THE GLOBAL RELIEF FOUNDATION OFFICE (NOV. 1) AND CLOSURE OF  
SEVERAL OTHER FACILITIES FOR AL-HARAMAYN ISLAMIC FOUNDATION,  
INCLUDING THE MAIN OFFICE, WAREHOUSE AND ISLAMIC SCHOOL (OCT 31-  
NOV. 1). THE FP SEALED THE OFFICES AND PROHIBITED THE FURTHER  
WORK OF THESE TWO ISLAMIC NGOS. PRESS REPORTS CONFIRMED THESE  
ACTIONS. THE FP IS PREPARING CRIMINAL CHARGES TO BE FILED WITH

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DOCUMENTATION TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE.

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INTERIOR MINISTER PONDERING CRIMINAL CHARGES

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 4. (C) THE QUICK ACTION BY FP CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH THE  
 CAUTIOUS, DELIBERATE PACE OF THE FEDERATION INTERIOR MINISTRY  
 (FMUP). IN A MEETING WITH SENIOR SFOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS,  
 FEDERATION INTERIOR MINISTER RAMO MASLESA ASSERTED THAT THE FMUP

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 CANNOT ACT UNTIL SFOR RETURNS EVIDENCE SEIZED IN JUNE RAIDS ON

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AL-HARAMAYN PREMISES. [REDACTED] 1.4(D)  
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NEXT MOVES FOR FP  
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5. (S/NF) THE FINANCIAL POLICE PLAN TO CONTINUE THEIR ACTION  
AGAINST AL-HARAMAYN AND GRF THIS WEEK. [REDACTED]

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6. (S/NF) NOT LOSING ANY MOMENTUM, THE FP ALSO PLANS TO BRING  
CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THE BENEVOLENCE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION  
(REF. C), AN NGO, WHICH [REDACTED] HAS CLOSE TIES TO  
GRF. IN ADDITION, [REDACTED] PROVIDED US WITH A LIST OF  
NGOS THAT THE FINANCIAL POLICE HAVE INVESTIGATED, INCLUDING:

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- GLOBAL RELIEF FOUNDATION
- TAIBAH INTERNATIONAL AID ASSOCIATION
- AL HARAMAYN AL AQSA
- AL HARAMAYN ISLAMIC FOUNDATION
- BENEVOLENCE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
- HUMAN APPEAL INTERNATIONAL

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-- HUMAN RELIEF INTERNATIONAL

-- INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC RELIEF ORGANIZATION

-- NEDWA - ISLAMIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (DAUGHTER ORGANIZATION OF

DZEMIJET EL FURKAN)

-- ACTIVE ISLAMIC YOUTH

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POLITICAL FALL-OUT  
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8. (S/NF) TV HYATT, IN ITS NOVEMBER 4 EVENING NEWS, RAN A PIECE  
CLAIMING THAT BIH AUTHORITIES AT THE BEHEST OF THE EMBASSY WILL  
CLOSE DOWN ALL ISLAMIC NGOS IN BIH, AND SUGGESTED THAT EVEN  
LEGITIMATE NGOS WERE BEING TARGETED.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
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9. (U) EMBOFFS PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW OF A PLANNED USG TRAINING



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 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO [REDACTED] THE TRAINING PROGRAM,  
 FUNDED BY INL/AE AND USING RETIRED USG FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION  
 EXPERTS AS INSTRUCTORS, WOULD FOCUS ON KEY PROVISIONS IN SOON-TO-  
 BE-ADOPTED CRIMINAL CODE AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE LEGISLATION,  
 THEORETICAL FINANCIAL AND INVESTIGATIVE CONCEPTS, AND PRACTICAL  
 TECHNIQUES FOR INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCES. (NOTE: THE INTENDED  
 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE FINANCIAL POLICE, AS WELL AS  
 OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, TAX AUTHORITIES, BANKING  
 REGULATORS, PROSECUTORS, AND JUDGES.) THE TRAINING, AIMED AT  
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 IMPROVING COMPLEX FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIVE CAPACITY, WILL HELP  
 ADDRESS THE NEED TO COMBAT ILLICIT MONEY FLOWS, WHICH OFTEN  
 PROVIDE TERRORISTS AND ORGANIZED CRIMINALS THE MEANS TO OPERATE  
 IN BIH WITH NEAR IMPUNITY. [REDACTED] WELCOMED THIS  
 ASSISTANCE AND OFFERED HIS FULL COOPERATION TO MAKE THE TRAINING,  
 CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN EARLY 2003, A SUCCESS.

## COMMENT

10. (S/NF) THE FP ACTIONS REPRESENT A BIG BREAKTHROUGH, [REDACTED]

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11. KABUL MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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